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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

09/851,433

**Applicant(s)**

KOYAMA ET AL.

**Examiner**

Vincent E. Kovalick

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 May 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 33-44 and 55-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 33-44, 59 and 60 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 55-58 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. This Office Action is in response to Applicant's Amendment dated May 5, 2005, in response to USPTO Office Action dated February 3, 2005.

The cancellation of claims 1-32 and 45-54; the amendments to independent claims 55 and 57, and Applicant's remarks have been noted and entered in the record.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 55-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koyama (USP 5,793,344), taken with Furukawa (USP 6,040,826).

Relative to claims 55 and 57, Koyama **teaches** a substrate based system for correcting display device and method for correcting the same (col. 2, lines 57-67 and col. 3, lines 1-27); Koyama further **teaches** a device comprising a pixel portion over a substrate; a data line side driver circuit provide over the substrate and operationally connected to the pixel portion; a memory portion provided over the substrate and operationally connected to the data line side driver circuit; a memory control circuit provided over the substrate and operationally connected to the memory portion (col. 3, lines 54-64; col. 6, lines 42-50 and Figs. 1 and 6).

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Koyama **does not specifically teach** the signal flow wherein an image signal is input to said memory control circuit, and said image signal is transferred from said memory control circuit to said memory portion, and further from said memory portion to said data line side drive circuit.

Koyama teaches a system for correcting a display device.

Furukawa **teaches** a driving circuit for driving a simple matrix type display apparatus (col. 3, lines 48-67 and col. 4, lines 1-58); Furukawa further **teaches** the system signal flow wherein an image signal is input to said memory control circuit, and said image signal is transferred from said memory control circuit to said memory portion, and further from said memory portion to said data line side drive circuit (col. 6, lines 30-55 and Fig. 3). Referring to Fig. 3, the image signal comes into the line buffer (item 2) portion of the memory control circuit (item 4), from the memory control circuit to said memory portion (item 3), and from said memory portion to said data line side driver circuit (item 6). Further, the memory control circuit operationally connected to the data line side circuit is accomplished through the frame buffer (item 3) and Orthogonal transformation circuit (item 51) to the data side driver circuits (item 6).

It would have been obvious to a persons of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide to the device as taught by Koyama the feature as taught by Furukawa in order to interconnect the elements mounted on the said substrate in the manner necessary to control the data flow from the image signal from the input, through the memory control circuit into the memory unit and onto the data line said driver circuit.

Regarding claims 56 and 58 Koyama further **teaches** the device memory being a (EEPROM) selected from the group consisting of SRAM, DRAM AND EEPROM (col. 6, lines 19-28).

*Allowable Subject Matter*

4. Claims 33-44 and 59-60 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 33, the major differences between the teachings of the prior art of record (USP 5,793,344, Koyama and USP 6,040,826, Furukawa) and that of the instant invention is that said prior art of record **does not teach** a semiconductor device comprising at least a pixel portion, a data line side driver circuit, a scanning line side driver circuit and a memory portion wherein the pixel portion is formed over a first substrate, the data line side driver circuit and said memory portion are formed over a second substrate and said scanning line side drive circuit is integrally formed over a third substrate.

Relative to claim 59, major differences between the teachings of the said prior art of record and that of the instant invention is that said prior art of record **does not teach** a device comprising an input terminal; a first control circuit operationally connected to the input terminal; a second control circuit operationally connected to the first control circuit; at least one first memory operationally connected to the first control circuit; a memory control circuit operationally connected to the second control circuit; a memory portion operationally connected to the memory control circuit; a data line side driver circuit operationally connected to the memory portion; and a pixel portion operationally connected to the data line side driver circuit, wherein all of the first control circuit, the second control circuit, the first memory, the memory control circuit, the memory portion, the data line side driver circuit and the pixel portion are provided adjacent to a same substrate.

***Response to Applicant's Remarks***

6. Applicant's arguments filed May 5, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding Applicant's argument wherein "the broad assertion, " in order to interconnect the elements mounted on the said substrate in the manner necessary to control the data flow from the image signal from the input, thorough the memory control circuit into the memory unit and onto the data line said drive circuit" does not explain why it would have been obvious to combine these references""

It is well within the knowledge base of one of ordinary skill in the art that in order to process an image signal from the source to the actual display unit that said image signal has to first be staged in a memory unit under control of circuitry that would in turn make it available to circuitry that would in turn feed it to the display unit.

It would have also been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art that the entire combination of units that accommodate this flow of image data to the actual display unit has to be cast on some structure ( e.g. a substrate, as is taught by Koyama (col. 3, line)).

It would have been further obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the are to combine these references based on the persons knowledge of the multitude of image display systems that are structured in this manner.

In response to applicant's argument that there is no suggestion to combine the references, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge

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generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, motivation to do so is found in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art.

In response to applicant's argument that "Applicants respectfully submit that there is no proper motivation to combine Koyama '344 and Furukawa because Koyama /344 and Furukawa are directed to different circuits" the test for obviousness is not whether the features of a secondary reference may be bodily incorporated into the structure of the primary reference; nor is it that the claimed invention must be expressly suggested in any one or all of the references. Rather, the test is what the combined teachings of the references would have suggested to those of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981).

The language of claims 55 and 57 does not teach the structure of the circuits, only the functions (e.g. "a data line side driver circuit") of the circuits.

### ***Conclusion***

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U. S. Patent No.	6,798,394	Chimura
U. S. Patent No.	6,069,793	Maruyama et al.
U. S. Patent No.	5,841,497	Sato et al.

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8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.



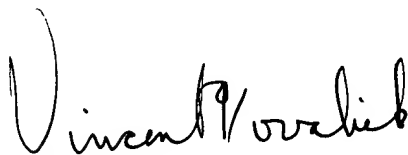
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***To Respond***


9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vincent E. Kovalick whose telephone number is 571-272-7669. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7:30- 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on 571-272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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